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### MiOP Success Story from Northwest Michigan Council of Governments May 2006

Patti Gamache was employed at Scholle Corporation in Manistee, MI as a Shipping Manager for 7+ years. On January 10, Scholle Corporation announced the closure of this plant, laying off three-fourths of their employees. Patti was one of a small crew left to finish and help close the plant. Patti soon became a dislocated worker (TAA certified as well). With the assistance of Northwest Michigan Works, Patti was soon hired by Graceland Fruit in Frankfort, MI, in a "pledged" job through the Michigan Opportunity Partnership and posted on the Michigan Talent Bank through Michigan Works!. She is now working as the Transportation Coordinator, where she is learning new skills in the areas of budgeting/forecasting with this fruit processing company. She is working hard on cost cutting measures with the transportation and freight costs. Patti is earning a good salary and benefits.